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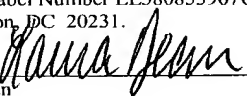
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

**In the Claims:**

Please **SUBSTITUTE** the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same number (a marked up copy of the prior pending claim with all changes shown is supplied in the appendix):

8. A designated master communications device according to claim 1, wherein the processor is adapted to establish a new wireless connection by generating a polling signal, the polling signal being transmitted to the other communications device via the transceiver.
9. A designated master communications device according to claim 1, wherein the designated mater communications device is a call handling device for connecting the other communications devices to a communications network, the call handling device including an output for connecting the call handling device to the communications network.
10. A designated mater communications device according to claim 1, wherein the wireless communications protocol is the bluetooth protocol.
11. A communication device according to claim 1, wherein the other communications device includes any one of telephones, computing devices, printers, PDAs, computer peripherals, and headsets.
17. A method according to claim 12, wherein the communications protocol is the Bluetooth protocol.

REMARKS

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## **APPENDIX**

8. A designated master communications device according to claim 1 [any of the preceding claims], wherein the processor is adapted to establish a new wireless connection by generating a polling signal, the polling signal being transmitted to the other communications device via the transceiver.
9. A designated master communications device according to claim 1 [any of the preceding claims], wherein the designated mater communications device is a call handling device for connecting the other communications devices to a communications network, the call handling device including an output for connecting the call handling device to the communications network.
10. A designated mater communications device according to claim 1 [any of the preceding claims], wherein the wireless communications protocol is the bluetooth protocol.
11. A communication device according to claim 1 [any of the preceding claims], wherein the other communications device includes any one of telephones, computing devices, printers, PDAs, computer peripherals, and headsets.
17. A method according to [any of] claim[s] 12 [to 18], wherein the communications protocol is the Bluetooth protocol.